

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF ANNEXES TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT (ARTICLE 34):

Amended Sheet (Page 8)

We claim:

- A process for preparing tetrahydrogeranylacetone in which pseudoionone, geranylacetone and/or dihydrogeranylacetone in a liquid phase, in which particles of a catalyst which is capable of preferentially hydrogenating carbon-carbon double bonds over carbon-oxygen double bonds are suspended, is conducted through a device which inhibits the transport of the catalyst particles in the presence of a hydrogen-containing gas.
 - 2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active component of the catalyst comprises palladium.

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3. A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the device inhibiting the transport of the catalyst particles has orifices or channels whose hydraulic diameter is from 2 to 2000 times the average diameter of the catalyst particles.

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- 4. A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein catalyst particles having an average diameter of from 0.0001 to 2 mm are used.
- 25 5. A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the device used for inhibiting the transport of the catalyst particles is a dumped packing, a knit, an open-celled foam structure or a structured packing element.
- 30 6. A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the liquid phase and the hydrogen-containing gas are conducted through the device which inhibits the transport of the catalyst particles at a superficial velocity of more than $100 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^2\text{h}$.

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7. A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the surfaces of the device facing toward the liquid phase have a roughness in the range from 0.1 to 10 times the average diameter of the catalyst particles.

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8. A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the liquid phase comprises at least 80% by weight of pseudoionone.